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Conference with Dr. Ernst BRUECKNER,
Chief of SG, 24 October 1955

1. Attached herewith is ☐ memorandum re the
conference held with Dr. Ernst BRUECKNER, Chief of Sicherungsgruppe (SG),
on 24 October 1955 at OCA in Bonn.
as received from Bruckner
2. Also attached (COS only) is a photostatic copy of a three-page
statement by Claus Friedrich CLAUBITZ, who was recently returned from a
Russian prison camp.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conference with Dr. Ernst BRUECKNER, Chief of Sicherungsgruppe (SO) on 24 October 1955 at OCA, Bonn

Dr. Brueckner said, when I telephoned him for the appointment, that he preferred to call at my office on his way home, as he lives quite near the Embassy. He came at 5:00 p.m. and commented that he was trying to keep shorter hours in order to preserve his health.

I returned to him the document that [] had left with me for that purpose (photostatic copy of some interrogations of Friedrich Wilhelm Radem).
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[] having suggested that I obtain biographic data of Brueckner's 16 year old son for whom he wishes to obtain a scholarship for one year in the U.S., I gave Brueckner a copy of the questionnaire of the U.S. Exchange Program, telling him that the program itself had been discontinued, and also a copy of American Field Service Scholarship's 1955 papers, both for information purposes, with the suggestion that he provide us with the basic details concerning his son's education so that [] could work on the problem. I pointed out that the A.F.S. (which does not pay the passage) had a December deadline for next year.

I told Brueckner that the FBI had agreed to give him the desired briefing, etc., and that this would probably be available whenever he should go to the U.S. He confirmed that the Chancellor's proposed trip was definitively cancelled (it was to occur before the Geneva conference that is to begin this week). Brueckner was aware that the FBI extend this sort of invitation only rarely. Brueckner expressed appreciation for both of these favors.

Brueckner gave me the attached photostatic copy of a three-page statement by Claus Friedrich Glanbits, who was recently returned from a Russian prison camp. Glanbits states, among other things, that in Camp 5110/33 (invalids Camp Potma 385/11), 450 kilometers southwest of Moscow in the Mordowski ASSR,

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there is an American citizen named ^{*}Simeon Walatka, the brother of the Bishop of the Lithuanian National Catholic Church in Scranton, Pennsylvania (copy sent to COS only). Brueckner added that Olambits is living in Itzehoe (Schleswig-Holstein) and that if we wish to get in touch with him, he could arrange it.

Brueckner showed me a clipping from the Sueddeutsche Zeitung which alleged that five days prior to the assassination of Gymer in Munich this year, someone had reported to the FBI in the U.S. that such act would occur and that the FBI had treated the matter as not urgent. Brueckner will send me a photostatic copy and would then like to receive our comments as to whether the allegation is true.

As suggested by [] I showed Brueckner the short clipping from the Stars and Stripes, 14 October 1955, reporting the recent sentencing in Karlsruhe of Herbert Schomherr to six months in jail for spying for the Soviet Zone I.S. The clipping also refers to Horst Irseger, "a West German security official who also became a spy for the Communists". Brueckner said that this case was of only minor interest but that he would look into it and give me the details.

Brueckner said, in reply to a question, that he was not kept informed of the progress of the current discussions in the German Government concerning the Gehlen Organisation, BfV's CE responsibility, etc., much to his regret. He indicated dissatisfaction with the slowness with which these matters are progressing.

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